declaration of party affiliation, then failure to indicate a political party preference, indicating "none", or selecting a party that is not recognized under state law may prevent the applicant from voting in partisan races in primary elections and participating in political party caucuses or conventions, but will not bar an applicant from voting in other elections.

- (8) Race/ethnicity, if applicable for the applicant's state of residence. The application shall direct the applicant to consult the state-specific instructions to determine whether race/ethnicity is required or requested by the applicant's state.
- (b) Additional information required by the Act. (42 U.S.C. 1973gg-7(b) (2) and (4)). The form shall also:
- (1) Specify each eligibility requirement (including citizenship). The application shall list U.S. Citizenship as a universal eligibility requirement and include a statement that incorporates by reference each state's specific additional eligibility requirements (including any special pledges) as set forth in the accompany state instructions;
- (2) Contain an attestation on the application that the applicant, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, meets each of his or her state's specific eligibility requirements;
- (3) Provide a field on the application for the signature of the applicant, under penalty of perjury, and the date of the applicant's signature;
- (4) Inform an applicant on the application of the penalties provided by law for submitting a false voter registration application;
- (5) Provide a field on the application for the name, address, and (optional) telephone number of the person who assisted the applicant in completing the form if the applicant is unable to sign the application without assistance;
- (6) State that if an applicant declines to register to vote, the fact that the applicant has declined to register will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes; and
- (7) State that if an applicant does register to vote, the office at which the applicant submits a voter registration application will remain confidential

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(c) Other information. The form will, if appropriate, require an applicant's former address or former name or request a drawing of the area where the applicant lives in relation to local landmarks.

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§ 9428.5 Format.

- (a) The application shall conform to the technical specifications described in the Commission's National Mail Voter Registration Form Technical Specifications.
- (b) Size. The application shall consist of a 5" by 8" application card of sufficient stock and weight to satisfy postal regulations. The application card shall be attached by a perforated fold to another 5" by 8" card that contains space for the information set forth at 11 CFR 9428.4(c).
- (c) Layout. (1) The application shall be sealable.
- (2) The outside of the application shall contain an appropriate number of address lines to be completed by the applicant using the state information provided.
- (3) Both sides of the application card shall contain space designated "For Official Use Only."
- (d) Color. The application shall be of ink and paper colors of sufficient contrast to permit for optical scanning capabilities.
- (e) Signature field. The application shall contain a signature field in lieu of a signature line.
- (f) *Type size*. (1) All print on the form shall be of the largest practicable type size.
- (2) The requirements on the form specified in 11 CFR 9428.4(b)(1), (6), and (7) shall be in print identical to that used in the attestation portion of the application required by 11 CFR 9428.4(b)(2).

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§ 9428.6 Chief state election official.

(a) Each chief state election official shall certify to the Commission within 30 days after July 25, 1994:

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- (1) All voter registration eligibility requirements of that state and their corresponding state constitution or statutory citations, including but not limited to the specific state requirements, if any, relating to minimum age, length of residence, reasons to disenfranchise such as criminal conviction or mental incompetence, and whether the state is a closed primary state.
- (2) Any voter identification number that the state requires or requests; and
- (3) Whether the state requires or requests a declaration of race/ethnicity;
- (4) The state's deadline for accepting voter registration applications; and
- (5) The state election office address where the application shall be mailed.
- (b) If a state, in accordance with 11 CFR 9428.4(a)(2), requires the applicant's full social security number, the chief state election official shall provide the Commission with the text of the state's privacy statement required under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a note).
- (c) Each chief state election official shall notify the Commission, in writing, within 30 days of any change to the state's voter eligibility requirements or other information reported under this section.

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Subpart C—Recordkeeping and Reporting

§9428.7 Contents of reports from the states.

(a) The chief state election official shall provide the information required under this section with the Commission by March 31 of each odd-numbered year beginning March 31, 1995 on a form to be provided by the Commission. Reports shall be mailed to: National Clearinghouse on Election Administration, Election Assistance Commission, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005. The data to be reported in accordance with this section shall consist of applications or responses received up to and including the date of the preceding federal general election.

- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, the report required under this section shall include:
- (1) The total number of registered voters statewide, including both "active" and "inactive" voters if such a distinction is made by the state, in the federal general election two years prior to the most recent federal general election:
- (2) The total number of registered voters statewide, including both "active" and "inactive" voters if such a distinction is made by the state, in the most recent federal election;
- (3) The total number of new valid registrations accepted statewide between the past two federal general elections, including all registrations that are new to the local jurisdiction and re-registrations across jurisdictional lines, but excluding all applications that are duplicates, rejected, or report only a change of name, address, or (where applicable) party preference within the local jurisdiction;
- (4) If the state distinguishes between "active" and "inactive" voters, the total number of registrants statewide that were considered "inactive" at the close of the most recent federal general election;
- (5) The total number of registrations statewide that were, for whatever reason, deleted from the registration list, including both "active" and "inactive" voters if such a distinction is made by the state, between the past two federal general elections:
- (6) The statewide number of registration applications received statewide (regardless of whether they were valid, rejected, duplicative, or address, name or party changes) that were received from or generated by each of the following categories:
- (i) All motor vehicle offices statewide:
- (ii) Mail;
- (iii) All public assistance agencies that are mandated as registration sites under the Act;
- (iv) All state-funded agencies primarily serving persons with disabilities:
- (v) All Armed Forces recruitment offices:
- (vi) All other agencies designated by the state;